

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 to 14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) A method for inhibiting *Helicobacter pylori* adhesion comprising administering to a subject an effective amount of a product of browning reaction of sugar and protein.

16. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 15, wherein the protein is at least one member selected from the group consisting of plant proteins derived from wheat, barley, rice, corn, soybeans, or red beans, and animal proteins derived from milk, eggs, fish, or meat.

17. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 15, wherein the sugar is at least one member selected from the group consisting of D-glucose, D-fructose, D-mannose, D-galactose, D-xylose, L-arabinose, D-ribose and lactose.

18. (Previously Presented) A method for inhibiting *Helicobacter pylori* adhesion comprising administering to a subject an effective amount of a product of browning reaction of sugar and protein, and an inhibitor of gastric-acid secretion.

19. (Currently Amended) A method for preventing or treating diseases associated with *Helicobacter pylori* comprising administering to a subject an effective amount of a product of browning reaction of sugar and protein.

20. (Currently Amended) A method for preventing or treating diseases associated with *Helicobacter pylori* comprising administering to a subject an effective amount of a product of browning reaction of sugar and protein, and an inhibitor of gastric-acid secretion.

21. (Currently Amended) A method for preventing or treating diseases associated with *Helicobacter pylori* comprising administering to a subject an effective

amount of a product of browning reaction of sugar and protein, and other substances capable of eradicating *Helicobacter pylori*.